

# UNIONS! MAKE REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP YOUR NO. 1 JOB! DEADLINE JUST FEW DAYS OFF! LET'S GET GOING! CHECK UP NOW

In order to vote in the combined presidential and state primary election Tuesday, May 16, you must have qualified as a registered voter within a few days from now. Thursday, April 6, is the LAST DAY you can register in order to vote in the crucial May 16 election.

Every citizen should consider it his sacred duty to register and to vote in all elections—no matter what his political viewpoint. But for the future of Organized Labor and progressive government in general, registration of unionists and their families is ABSOLUTELY VITAL! The inertia and indifference of the workers of

California in this respect is appalling. Registration totals in this state, which should be breaking all records, are, to date, actually hundreds of thousands less than in the last general election. Unless a whirlwind drive during the next few days changes this dangerous situation, there is every likelihood that reactionary, anti-labor political forces will completely control our Federal government.

War conditions have seriously affected the working-class vote. Millions are in the army, and Congress has sabotaged any effective plan to give these millions the

franchise. Millions of workers have been shifted around the country on war jobs, have not re-registered, and either don't know about or don't care about the use of their absentee ballot privileges.

IT IS UP TO THE LABOR UNIONS DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO DO THE JOB IN CALIFORNIA! Check every member. Impose a stiff fine for failure to register. Have your own deputy registrars at your offices, headquarters and meetings. Appoint telephone committees to call up the homes of your members and check to see if wives, husbands and relatives

are registered. There are thousands of union offices and headquarters in California, and if all of them make this their NUMBER ONE JOB during the remaining days of the registration drive, the present gloomy political picture can be vastly brightened.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: This registration drive is the most important thing now before Organized Labor. Don't pay any attention to the growlers who complain that "Labor shouldn't be messing around in politics." If Labor doesn't get into politics with BOTH FEET and STAY THERE, it is going to take a poke on the chin it will never forget!



## MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS



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### LABOR TEMPLE REMODELING STARTED BY LABORERS 272 OF SALINAS; HALL LARGER

Remodeling of the old Salinas Labor Temple was started last week by a full union crew of carpenters, painters, laborers and other craftsmen, working under direction of the new Hall Association of Laborers Union 272, which has purchased the building.

Plans for the remodeling call for enlarging the meeting hall by extending it to the front of the building and all along the side. Seats are being built around the wall, a platform has been placed for presiding officers, and arrangements are progressing for extra seating if necessary to provide a hall large enough for at least 100 persons without crowding.

Laborers Union 272 has moved headquarters into the front office room, formerly occupied by Teamsters 287. Here the Laborers will have access to the closed in waiting room at the extreme front of the hall. Little remodeling is necessary here.

#### JANITOR SERVICE

Plumbers Union 503 will have the rear offices, formerly used by Culinarian Alliance 467. Remodeling of this section is under way but plans were not available at time of this writing.

The small room between the present Laborers and Plumbers offices will be converted into an executive board room, it was said, unless some other organization wishes an office here.

To provide adequate janitor and watchman service for the Labor Temple, the old living quarters will be restored in the building in the rear, formerly housing the offices of the Laborers.

#### NEW PAINT JOB

Disposal of the modern one-room office, built especially for Painters 1104 to conform to their needs prior to the removal of most union offices to the new Teamsters Hall, was not known this week, nor was final decision on the card room in the rear, although it was believed that the card room would be continued.

The entire building will be repainted inside, with a pleasing color scheme in the meeting halls and offices. Lighting fixtures will be installed to meet needs. The floors will be covered with linoleum. Plumbing fixtures will be installed as needed.

To meet a growing problem in downtown Salinas, the union has opened its lot, adjoining the Labor Temple, and free parking will be provided for unionists as soon as the lot has been graded and filled.

The hall association included officers of Laborers 272, headed by President Randolph Fenchel, Secretary John Matos, and Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

### WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Monterey, California. Carpenters: Routine meeting, discussed proposition of donation to Voters League.

Builders: Called meeting held with good attendance, discussed political situation and urged members to register and vote.

State Employees: Called meeting, one reinstatement, several initiations; voted to donate \$1 per member to Voters League and \$10 to Red Cross.

Warehousesmen: Raising initiation fee to \$10 after April 1, voted \$1 per member to Voters League, urging members to give to Red Cross.

### HERE'S WHAT ONE SOLDIER TELLS LABOR

Following are excerpts from a letter by Harold M. Shanks, former local youth who now is in the British Isles and who expresses himself in regard to organized labor.

Shanks' ideas give an insight to what many of our fighting men really think, in sharp contrast to the labor-hating and labor-baiting employer group seeks to implant in the minds of Mr. and Mrs. America about the soldiers and unionism.

The excerpts are printed here for edification of our readers:

"I'll tell you what most of the fellows think of the unions. They don't think you fellows are slackers for fighting for what is right. If you fellows at home don't keep up the working conditions for us, we are going to be in a hell of a fix when we get back. We have to earn a living when we get back and we can't do anything here to keep up our working conditions, so we are depending on you men at home to do it for us. Most of the men in our outfit are union men. We are all building mechanics and damned good ones, too, if I do say so. I don't think there is anything we can't build—at least we haven't found it yet....

"How is the work holding out? I suppose it is slackening up now. I hear the shipyards are laying off men. I'm not even going to look for a job for awhile after I get home. I'm going to take a vacation and go fishing....

The above is from a letter addressed to H. A. Sawyer of Watsonville. The writer can be addressed as follows: H. M. Shanks, C. M. 1/c, 81st Batt., Co. D.; c/o Fleet Postoffice, New York City.

### All Builders About Salinas Continue Busy

With new jobs, some small and some larger, opening almost daily in the Salinas area, building tradesmen in the area are continuing to find ample employment, reports J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272.

Some of the new work includes: Construction of a Mexican labor camp, near Hollister, for Spreckels Sugar Co., by Pacific Building Co., with Don McAnaney in charge of the work.

Three new barracks, new hangar and laundry, at the naval "blimp base" near Watsonville, with Lou Geyer as contractor.

Machine shop construction, Hollister air base, Lou Geyer, contractor, nearing completion.

Concrete pouring for taxi strips and warm-up strips at Salinas base resumed again, following lay-off due to rain.

The best way to be contented with your lot is to build a house on it.

### Substantial Hike For S. F. Carmen Granted by Board

San Francisco, Calif. Substantial wage increases for 2,000 employees of San Francisco's privately owned transit system, the Market Street Railway, have been found proper under the wage stabilization program and ordered into effect by the Tenth Regional War Labor Board.

The Board ordered an increase of 9½ cents an hour for electric car motormen, conductors and cable-car platform men, bringing the top rate up to 92½ cents an hour.

The order grants an hourly wage increase of 7½ cents to trolley-coach and bus operators, establishing a top of 97½ cents after 18 months experience.

Industry members of the tripartite Regional War Labor Board dissented from the wage awards.

The new rates establish wage parity between the private utility and the municipal railway for operating employees.

### "Little People" Not War Bond Slackers

Charges that "little people" are not loyally responding to the government's loan bond drives were disproved by a Treasury report, showing that the \$14,000,000,000 goal of the recent campaign was exceeded by \$2,700,000.

More than \$3,000,000,000 of "E" bonds were purchased by individuals — more than their quota—the report said.

### Garment Workers Give Big Sum to Red Cross

New York City

In the past the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) has made many generous donations to the USO, the AFL's war relief drive, to Russian War Relief and many other causes. And recently it was the ILGWU which started off New York City's 1944 Red Cross drive with a check for \$150,000.

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### New Tax Chief



The man who'll take your income tax this year is Joseph Daly Numan, newly appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Before receiving his present post, Numan was collector of internal revenue for Brooklyn, N. Y. (Federated Pictures)

### ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

The Fish Cannery Workers Union officers are puzzled—yep, puzzled at the War Labor Board's opinion in a recent case regarding night work differential for fish cannery crews. It seems that the War Labor Board decided that where workers work either day or night, depending on when the fish arrives, they must get straight time, but where the workers work for a specified interval on a day shift, then work on a night shift for an interval, a night pay differential is possible.

The big bugaboo is that the War Labor Board apparently decided that the regularity in changing from day to night shift means disrupting family and home life, and thus those working at night should get more. What we'd like to know is: How about the disrupting of home life where the worker doesn't know until fish are in, whether he works in the daytime or at night—he's gotta be at home all day waiting for the call to work, maybe that means regularity in home life! You explain it!

The adjustment board meeting last Wednesday was a pip. The union brought up a number of reported violations of the working agreement for consideration and then broached the subject of day and night shift pay differentials for engineers.

The board went on record as favoring an adjustment in the enginee's pay for the night shift. If there is no objection from the War Labor Board, the union doesn't fear the War Labor Board's ruling.

Unions are asked to send in donations to the Youth Center centenarian fund at once. To date \$310 has been raised of the \$500 quota for labor, donors being Carpenters, \$100; Warehousesmen, \$100; labor council, \$100, and Barbers, \$10. Send donations to Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the labor council.

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### Gantner-Mattern Case Again Hits News; Court to Hear Libel Suit

San Francisco, Calif.

The 3-year-old case of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union vs. Gantner & Mattern Co., knitwear manufacturers, is again in the public eye with announcement by the U. S. Supreme Court that the San Francisco Superior Court has jurisdiction to hear the \$1,750,000 libel suit brought by the company against the union in 1941.

The suit arose from a strike of Building Service Employees International Union (AFL) against the company in 1940. ILGWU members refused to pass the picket line and were refused re-employment when the strike was over. Gantner & Mattern claimed that literature distributed by the ILGWU pickets who ever since have patrolled the plant was libelous.

The supreme court ruling upholds a 1943 decision of Judge Elmer E. Robinson that the union "has many characteristics of a large industrial business organization and therefore should be subjected to similar responsibilities." The ILGWU appealed this judgment, which was confirmed by the appellate court.

The union's claim was that the California courts could not hear the case because the union was a New York organization and that international officers, named in the libel suit, were not responsible for local leaflets.

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## LABOR AND "FREE TRADE"

Power politicians who are grandiloquently urging the "removal of trade barriers" show little or no comprehension of what "free trade" would mean to American industry and agriculture. They call it internationalism, the era of good will, the good neighbor policy. In reality it cloaks economic imperialism.

Just as Henry Ford removed his tractor industry to Ireland, got cheap labor and imported tractors to the United States, American and British capitalists will use cheap labor wherever they find it and sell where they can. If our tariffs are not used to protect labor's wages, factories will close.

In Malaya the rubber cartel paid its labor from 10c to 20c a day and after the last war put the price of rubber up to \$1.25 a pound. There is already some talk of closing our synthetic rubber plants when (?) Malaya and Indies rubber is controlled again by the cartel.

Our alcohol process is operating successfully, while the petroleum process is bogging down. Instead of subsidizing the farmers' wheat, let's make tires of it, and give them a good price. Then wheat farmers can buy the products of the factory, and not have the wheat price fixed in Liverpool as it has been in the past. The price of every product exported is fixed in a foreign market—unless, of course, the price is fixed by a monopoly or a cartel.

Let's build our home markets first!

## WHAT IS FASCISM?

The "Fascismo" of Italy is a perversion of the political theory known as "syndicalism". That theory contemplated an economic or business government in which all human endeavor was to be classified into twelve categories, and that all owners, managers and workers should have a voice in the direction of the industry or syndicate. Mussolini was for years a syndicalist. Syndicalism is considered by most political scientists a type of socialism, and Mussolini was called, in his early public life, a socialist.

He organized his fascist party and advanced on Rome. His early followers were socialists, believing in the "syndicate" form of government in which the workers would have a large and, perhaps, the greater influence. Mussolini, however, on being promised power and wealth, betrayed his worker followers, and fascism became purely government by Big Business. A "grand council" of big business owners and managers made the laws and executed them.

No nation ruled by Big Business alone can long exist. Witness Germany and Italy!

## STRIKES — AND "MIAMI"

Representatives and senators in Congress who speak for Big Business are usually the most vociferous in their denunciations of workers who "strike." A worker who puts in seventy or eighty hours a week for months gets so he "doesn't give a damn." A strike is just a vacation, a day in Miami. The rantings of millionaires like Senator Tydings and Representative Kleberg don't carry much weight with apple-pickers or farmhands—or any of the boys who are doing the best and biggest war job ever done in the history of the world.

In a recent issue Life Magazine did a real service by picturing the patriotism of the rich as they sport in Miami. Hotels there and in other popular resorts are jam-packed with tourists spending money lavishly. Parimutuel betting at Hialeah is at the rate of \$1 million on a single day. One night club takes in many thousands of dollars each night. A hundred thousand a day is bet at one dog-racing track. Tens of thousands of cars operate on black market gas. The bond-buying booths are empty.

And Congress "repealed" Roosevelt's restriction of net incomes to \$25,000!

## BACK TO GOLD?

Alarmists are protesting the payment of the lend-lease balances due this country after the war. They say that the shipment to and sale of goods in this country will shut down our factories and start an industrial tailspin.

A realistic solution would be for Russia and the British empire to pay in gold. Both powers have almost unlimited gold in mines, active and undeveloped. The U. S. Treasury could then redeem bonds in gold, and a few of us might have the touch of Midas!

## LET 'EM STARVE!

A magazine of national importance, devoted to the interest of business and finance, predicts heavy unemployment after the war. It also says that what now seems to be a "food shortage" will probably result in a surplus, because the unemployed will not have money enough to buy the food. It's the old story of twentieth century capitalism—starvation in the midst of potential plenty.

Liberals Battle  
In Congress for  
Funds to Protect  
Welfare Agencies

Washington, D. C.

Rep. John Tabor's (R. N.Y.) budget hatchet is being blunted against the determination of win-the-war congressmen to protect vital war agencies.

Saved from the Republicans' politics-inspired economy drive in two successive days of debate on the deficiency appropriation bill were the government's child care and housing programs. Tabor's motion to slash the child care center appropriation from \$127,500,000 to \$68,690,000 was defeated 64 to 59 March 9 after women members of the House took a firm stand for adequate child care.

By an even narrower margin March 10 Tabor's proposal to dump the national Housing Administration's \$7,500,000 war housing program was defeated on a 81 to 78 teller vote.

The child care appropriation had already been pared down in the appropriations committee from an original request for \$150,000,000 to \$127,500,000.

## Why, Tom!

Tom M. Girdler, steel magnate, who once proclaimed he'd rather "go back on the farm and dig potatoes" than deal with organized labor, has apparently discovered unions aren't quite the bogies he pictured them to be.

In fact, last week Girdler boasted in large "ads" in the daily newspapers that two of his plants have the best production records in the nation—and they are both unionized under the banner of the International Association of Machinists.

Freedom from Want' Still  
A Dream for Nation

Income figures just released by the U. S. Department of Commerce show that freedom from want is still only a dream for the average family. They have more money now than before the war—but barely enough for their needs, and no backlog.

In spite of increased incomes, two-thirds of the nation's families had incomes of less than \$3,000 last year. The minimum wartime budget, to provide food and clothing and pay rent, taxes and doctor bills for a family of four in 1943 was \$2991, according to economists.



"That's right," vociferated Mr. Dilworth. "Gov. Dewey is entirely correct in his demands."

"Who's demanding that Dewey be corrected now, Pop?" asked Little Luther.

"I didn't say that, Luther," explained his father. "I said that Gov. Dewey, himself, is correct."

"Oh, you mean that he's telling the truth? Is that so unusual?"

"No, of course not. I just meant that this time he's emphatically known what he's talking about."

"No wonder you're excited. What did he say?"

"He said that we should not impose harsh peace terms on Germany after the war. He said that the peace must be the constant beneficiary of the labors of men of good will, striving to make it work and sacrificing to make it endure. What do you think of that?"

"Sounds bad for the United Nations."

"Don't be a smart alec. We have to think ahead nowadays."

"You've got to HAVE a head first."

"Mr. Dewey realizes that a strong Germany is necessary to a stable postwar Europe."

"Hitler has already made a stable out of it."

"No, no I mean a strong Germany will be necessary to maintain order."

"The New Order, Pop?"

"No, just order. Law and order. After all, Russia will emerge the most powerful nation in Europe. We must find some way of protecting the rest of Europe from her."

"That's what Hitler says."

"Well, there's some truth in it, my boy. We can't let Russia overrun all of Europe. She must be stopped somewhere."

"You'd better hurry. I understand that Russian soldiers don't even stop to rest."

"Oh, you've been listening to red propaganda. Those stories are always exaggerated. The Russians are not such good fighters."

"Try to tell the Nazis that."

"Well, the Nazis are prejudiced. They've been up against some tough situations lately."

"Yeah, the kind of situation that makes a person think."

"Anyways, it made Dewey think of a strong postwar Germany, didn't it, Pop? Good night."

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## THE MARCH OF LABOR

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INCLUDING OVERTIME FOR ALL  
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U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

BE SURE! BUY  
ONLY UNION  
LABEL HATS!

## THE BLACK RECORD OF GERMANY — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

by Lord Vansittart, with Foreword by Edward R. Morrow. Published in Popular 25c Edition by the New Avon Library, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City. On sale on newsstands.

What has come to be known as "Vansittartism" is becoming more and more a storm center of controversy. Critics of the author are divided roughly into two groups: those who consider him biased and unsympathetic in his castigation of an entire people, and those who, while accepting his case against Germany's "black record," nevertheless contend that to make an issue of it will only make the German people fight to the last ditch.

You reviewer has gone through this book twice and has come to the conclusion that it is important that people in the United Nations be thoroughly familiar with the nature and history of German aggression. For unless they understand the thought-processes of German leadership and the tendency of the German people to applaud and follow that leadership, a "soft peace" will follow universal war-weariness and another blood-bath will be in the offing.

However one might disagree with some of Vansittart's conclusions, the fact remains to state us in the face that only rigorous measures can direct German energy and ability into constructive channels. Mere defeat will not stop German militarism. For several centuries Germany has been trying to enlarge its domains at other people's expense. Nor is this just the imperialism of which every other leading nation has been guilty. No, it is something more than that. German expansionist policy is predicated on a philosophy of world-domination, a conviction of "racial superiority," a negation of the humanitarian's concept of a brotherhood of all peoples, an out-and-out approval of slavery of "inferior" peoples to serve the needs of the Nordic. War is glorified as an end in itself, compromise and compassion as unworthy. Treaties and agreements are utilized only as weapons to leave other nations at guard and thus subject to quick conquest.

All this is the theme of Vansittart's indictment of a nation. The picture painted is not only one of Nazi-Hitler Germany, but of a Germany ever since the unification of the tribes into a state. It is the Germany of the Teutonic Knight invasions into Russia in the 12th century, the Germany of Charlemagne, chairman.

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Bill—What's a drama critic? Jerry—A man who gives the best jeeves of his life to the theater.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Old Lady—Oh, officer, I feel so funny.

Cop—Have you Virtigo, ma'am?

Old Lady—Yes, about a mile.

MAYBE GOOD ADVICE!

In the congregation one Sunday morning was a young bride whose husband was an usher. Becoming terribly worried about having left the roast in the oven, she wrote a note to her husband, sending it to him by another usher. Her husband, thinking it was a notice for the pastor, hurried down the aisle and placed it on the pulpit. Stopping abruptly in the middle of his sermon to read the message, the astonished pastor was met with this injunction: "Please go home and turn off the gas."

True Love

There's the wonderful love of a beautiful maid

There's the love of a staunch true man

There's the love of a baby unafraid

All existed since time began.

But the most wonderful love—the love of all loves

Even greater than that of a mother

Is the infinite, tender, passionate love

Of one drunken gal for another.

GIGGLES  
AND  
GROANS

BEWARE THE BOLSHEVIK!  
SENIOR: John, why do you keep on playing hooky? I've padded you the hooky cap has captured you and threatened to take you into juvenile court. I can't understand it. Now, honestly, why do you?

JUNIOR: Class hatred.

CAUSES OF DEATH

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER: Now let's talk of the causes of death of some famous Bible characters. What did Methusaleh die of?

CLASS: Old age.

TEACHER: And Solomon?

CLASS: Too many wives.

TEACHER: And Queen Jezebel?

CLASS: Throw out the top-story window.

TEACHER: And Absalom?

CLASS: No hair-cut.

TEACHER: And Samson?

CLASS: Fallen arches.

MAN-HANDED

STUDENT: "Could one refer to Venus de Milo as the girl who got the breaks?"

ENGLISH LIBRARIAN: "Why not, may I ask? It's an 'armless joke.'"

THAT COWED HER

Country Maid: "Come outside, I want to show you my cute little calf."

City Salesman: "Er—isn't there enough light in the room?"

USEFUL MODEL

Harold Rogers: "I've brought the little lady a machine of her own."

Bill Jacobs: "Packard, Lincoln, Cadillac or Buick?"

Harold: "Maytag."

WHO CAN TELL?

Judge Beaumont: "Who made the first cotton gin?"

Pop Coughing: "Heavens! Are they making it from that, too?"

BACK TO NORMAL

## BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from page 1)

Received the weekly news-letter from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received a letter from the California State Federation of Labor warning Labor NOT to sign any INITIATIVE PETITION until they are informed fully on the subject. To defeat the "RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT."

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California several copies of the proposed State Initiative, "The Right to Employment." (Send copy to each Local Union.)

### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Ward read a report from the War Manpower Commission on the subject of Labor and Employment, states that it is so worded that it is hard to understand. The employers of this district calling for help will be sent workmen with the B. & C. T. C. clearance slip.

There are several fair size model jobs in progress and with the shortage of help makes it hard to man the job.

### REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Falas, Electrical Workers No. 1072; held a good meeting and their committee reports their International wants Monterey and Salinas to affiliate together and take in San Luis and Paso Robles.

Brother Diaz reports for Plum-

ers No. 62. Lively meeting and to meet twice a month, the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Brother Ward reports for Brother Also, Sheet Metal Workers No. 32. Brother Also could not attend due to illness of his wife.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Brother Diaz reports on the Post-war Planning committee and states that he has sent in his resignation as a member of the Executive Council due to other conditions that take his time.

**Good of the Council:** Discussed post-war planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Secretary.

### Quiet Expansion of Co-ops Called Marvel Of Twentieth Century

Coffeyville, Kansas — "The marvel of the Twentieth century is the quiet, unheralded growth of the cooperative movement," Ralph Snyder, president of the Wichita Bank of Cooperatives, declared here recently at the dedication of the 71,000,000 gallons-a-year petroleum refinery purchased early in January by the Consumers Cooperative Association from the National Refining Company. The lubricating oil refinery with a capacity of 11,000,000 gallons a year, which was secured along with the gasoline refinery, is the first lube oil refinery in the world to be owned by the cooperatives. The co-ops will also operate the government-built high octane gasoline refinery near by.

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## International Meet to Probe Supply of Jobs

Philadelphia, Penn. Delegates from at least 40 nations attending the conference called by the Intl. Labor Office here will be asked to endorse a code to govern the organization of employment in the transition from war to peace, ILO representatives announced.

Estimating that jobs will have to be found for more than 120 million persons as the war economy is dismantled, the ILO recommends that plans be made at once to maintain employment opportunities and "to bring together the available workers and the available jobs in an orderly manner." Among the proposals are:

1. Collection of information on prospective labor supply and demand in each country.

2. Coordinated plans for the orderly demobilization and reintegration in civil life of members of the armed forces, with provision for the transfer of millions of workers from one job, industry, occupation or area to another.

3. National training programs geared to post-war needs, with vocational guidance made available to all.

4. Flexible public works programs planned in advance.

5. Provision for financial assistance for persons temporarily unemployed.

6. Well-developed and efficient employment machinery.

**DEMOBILIZATION PLANS**

Within the limits set by military requirements and with such factors as age and length of military service taken into account, the code recommends that governments consider making demobilization coincide with expanding employment.

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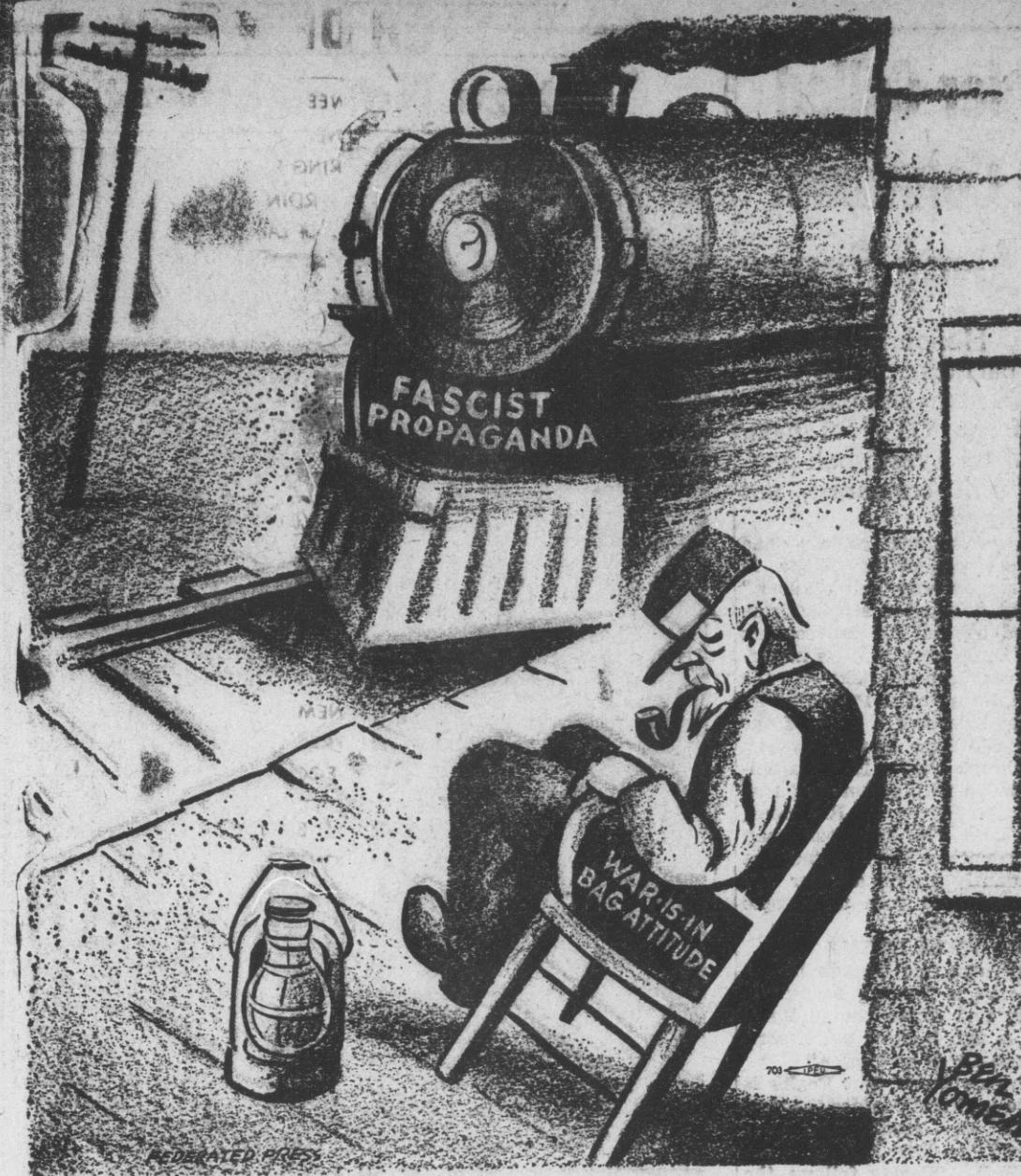
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### This is 'Free Enterprise'

Destruction of food to maintain excessive prices has long been practiced by distributors, but rarely on the present scale.

Scores of carloads of fresh cabbage are rotting in Detroit because of excessive costs, it was revealed at a public meeting called in protest by the Greater Detroit Consumers' Council. Among delegates were representatives of organized labor, retailers, consumers and the Office of Price Administration.

"Unless action is taken immediately, not only cabbages, but potatoes, cauliflower, spinach and other commodities may experience the same fate that befell oranges, which were dumped by the ton recently in a similar situation," Charles C. Lockwood, Consumers' Council attorney, said.

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**Whose-Ox-Is-Gored Note**

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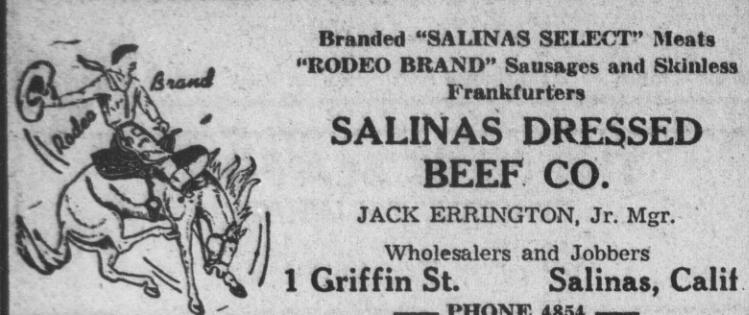
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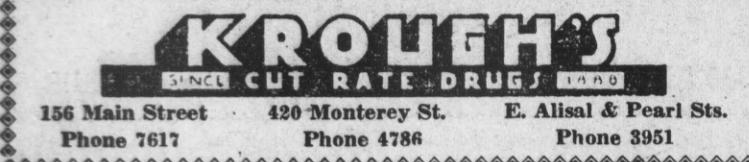
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JOURNEYMAN BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Teamsters Hall; Pres., F. M. Scott, 41 Abbott St.; Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon, 141 Main St.; office phone 7787, Home phone 8539.

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OPERATING ENGINEERS 165—Meets first Thursday at 462-A Main St., Watsonville, at 8 p.m. President, C. R. Ingerson, Route 5, Box 267, Watsonville. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas. Phone Salinas 4972. (Office address and phone same).

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PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1104; Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. Teamsters Hall. Pres., Donald McBeth; Rec. and Fin. Sec., D. H. Hartman, 614 May Ave., Salinas; office at Teamsters Hall, phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION LOCAL 503: Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Al Avery; Rec. Sec., Phil Prater; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Louis Jenkins, office at Labor Temple. (Exec. Bd., meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.)

POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Town St. Sa'inas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, P. Es., Salinas.

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GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., L. R. (Red) Carey secretary, Teamsters Hall, Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—C. R. McCloskey, Salinas. Pres., A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Lloyd Lovett, 131 Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St., Phone 4893; Pres., Chas. Ramey; Rec. Sec., Ray Ulbrich; Sec. Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

## Pegler Called 5th Columnist By Army Paper

Honolulu, Hawaii. In barracks, bomb shelters and foxholes on the Pacific front, GI Joes have a word for Westbrook Pegler: "fifth columnist, not columnist."

Because Pegler's column had been the subject of debate in many late evening bull sessions, the army newspaper Midpacifican, published by and for the soldiers of the Pacific area, sent its inquiring reporter into the field with the question, Does Pegler Promote Disunity? and devoted a page of the February 15 issue to the answers. "Westbrook Pegler is not a columnist but a fifth columnist," Pvt. Edward R. Porter of Richmond, Va., declared. "He is a spokesman for labor-baiters. The bold-face lies he constantly writes are for one purpose only: to turn the people against each other."

### CLASSED WITH ENEMY

"Every man and woman in the service who is fighting fascism in Germany and Japan should know that he is also fighting our American fascists such as Pegler."

"I have no doubt that Pegler is trying to split and confuse the people. Ask any intelligent union man," said Pvt. Bert Balmer of Seattle, Wash. "Pegler follows the Hitler pattern. But he forgets most Americans are not Nazi-minded."

Pvt. William L. Lodge of Chicago declared: "Pegler never exposes the numerous anti-labor racketeering outfits run by American fascists. Why? Because anti-labor stuff put out by these outfits is sometimes used by Pegler's boss, who runs the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Divide and conquer is a principle which Pegler and his boss know how to put across."

### PARTNER OF GOEBBELS

"If he was in Germany he'd be a partner of Dr. Goebbels," Pfc. Thomas C. Hughes of San Francisco told the reporter.

**AFL Unions Ask President Call Off Proceeding Against Bridges**

New York City More than 40 AFL organizations have petitioned President Roosevelt to set aside the deportation order against President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born said recently.

In addition to setting aside the order, Roosevelt is asked to dismiss all charges against Bridges and "afford him full opportunity to become a citizen of the U. S."

Among the organizations are a number of central bodies and locals of United Brotherhood of Carpenters, International Hod Carriers Building & Common Laborers Union, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, International Association of Machinists, Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union and Brotherhood of Painters.

## Army Order Scuttled By Clothing Makers

Clothing manufacturers are too busy piling up profits on uniforms to make uniforms for men in the armed services. They so declared recently, the War Department revealed, when it disclosed that it had tried unsuccessfully to get them to bid on army clothing.

The "sit-down" was met by mandatory orders to reluctant manufacturers. How the War Department expects to force compliance was not disclosed.

## WANTED: ONE HUNDRED NEW CONGRESSMEN

New York City What is needed in Washington is 100 new congressmen, the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers says in its UE Guide to Political Action.

Question of how to get new congressmen, how to change the complexion of the senate and house of representatives, is answered in the 162-page book. And the answer is labor political activity.

This is one of the best jobs yet done by a union in the way of explaining the necessity for union participation in the political life of the nation, state and community.

"One of the reasons for going into political action is to help protect wage standards and settle shop problems," the guide declares. "The best way workers have today of settling their own grievances is by legislative and political action with government officials and agencies."

"By entering politics, labor will help to bring victory at the earliest possible moment."

## Victory Nourishment



## Lawyers Guild Rips Dies for Gestapo Policy

Washington, D. C.

The Dies committee's "conspiracy" against the war policies of the administration, and the United Nations must be halted at once, the Natl. Lawyers Guild declared in a letter to members of the house last week.

In an analysis of the committee's activities within the last year, the Guild said they reflect "the desires and aims of a reactionary and divisive group in Congress—the Negro baiters, the anti-Semites, the enemies of national unity—whose objective is the destruction of the war aims of the United Nations."

### PARTISAN INSTRUMENT

Charging that the Dies committee "has not functioned as an arm of Congress but as a partisan instrument for political purposes," the Guild cited Dies' half-hearted gestures at investigating American fascists and contrasted them with his enthusiastic smear reports on the War Relation Authority and so-called subversive activities of government workers.

The committee's recent report on the Peace Now movement was "guilty of wilful deception" in neglecting to show its link with America First and the leaders of large pacifist organizations, the Guild said. "A movement attracting this kind of support can be called innocent only as the result of a deliberate intention to divert attention from it, leaving it free to operate," it declared.

Turning to Dies' current probe of the CIO political action committee, the Guild termed his illegal effort to seize the books and accounts of that organization a "Gestapo technique."

## LABOR BOARD STOPS 'FREE PRESS' BUNK

Washington, D. C.

A union-busting attempt decked out as a defense of freedom of the press has been stymied by the National War Labor Board in a decision awarding a maintenance of membership clause to Local 18, American Newspaper Guild in its contract with the Harrisburg Patriot, Harrisburg, Pa.

The majority opinion was written by WLB Chairman William H. Davis, and concurred in by labor members in a separate opinion. The four industry members wrote a dissenting opinion.

Answering the publishers' argument that a maintenance of membership order by WLB would violate freedom of the press, Davis cited a clause in the ANG constitution providing that no one shall be excluded from membership and no member shall be penalized because of his religious or political convictions or because of anything he writes for publication.

## Profiteering Hikes Nation's Drink Bill

It cost Americans more than \$6,000,000,000 to "wet their whistle" last year, or 17 per cent more than in 1942, and 80 per cent above 1939. The larger bill was "not because they drank more, but because they were forced to pay higher prices for 'boozes."

The Department of Commerce, in reporting these figures estimated that the per capita expenditure for hard liquor was \$16, or nearly 7 cents of every dollar spent for goods and services of all kinds. Consumption of whisky was 74,000,000 gallons, or 14,000,000 gallons less than in 1942.

Curran Declares  
Scare Yarns on  
Ship Crack-Ups  
Largely Hokum

Washington, D. C. Newspaper "scare" stories on alleged mass crackups of Liberty merchant ships were dismissed as untrue by President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union recently in testimony before the Truman committee.

Asserting that the Liberty ships, commonly called Ugly Ducklings, are and have been doing a marvelous job in the work for which they have been built," Curran said:

"The percentage of loss through crackup of these Liberty ships against the percentage built is so small as to suggest there might be some political significance behind this sudden attack. The lives of soldiers, sailors and merchant seamen, and the production and delivery of the weapons for victory, should not be toyed with for political motives."

## 'Hot Food' and 'Hot Foot'

Back in the days when longshoremen were organizing, it was always said that if there were any surprises left, dockworkers would pull them out of the bag.

So no one was amazed here recently when The Labor Herald appeared with a story from San Pedro saying: "Hot foot at midday is an order of the day for longshoremen here."

The story said that this was assured after an "unusually productive conference," which nobody can deny. It turned out, however, that hot foot was a typographical error for hot food and that, though the boys' feet may be cold, the lunches are warm.

## Southern School Urged to Open Doors to Negro

Washington, D. C.

Southern schools and colleges were urged to open their doors to Negroes, in a series of recommendations made here in a 4-volume report published by the U. S. Office of Education.

An exhaustive study of educational opportunities available to Negroes, the report emphasized that restricted facilities for the Negro has resulted in a great loss of manpower for both the armed services and wartime industry.

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